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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5,12 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5,12 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to amendments and arguments received on 05/20/2010. No Claims have been amended. Claims 3-4, 6-11, 13-14 have already been cancelled, and No Claims have been added.

Claims 1-2, 5, 12, 15 are now pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see applicant arguments/remarks pages 5-6, filed 05/20/2010, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Moteki et al US 6,243,645 B1 (hence Moteki'645) in view of Schneider et al US 2003/0192049 A1 (hence Shneider'049).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein

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were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 1, 2, 5, 12 and 15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moteki et al US 6,243,645 B1 (hence Moteki'645) in view of Schneider et al US 2003/0192049 A1 (hence Shneider'049).

6. In re claim 1, Moteki'645 discloses the claimed invention including:

- a display (Fig.1, #11) configured to switch, when displaying said map, the display of said map to a display of video content, when a source operator for switching said sources is operated (remote 20, button 22); to sequentially and cyclically switch, when displaying said video content, between playback target sources of said plurality of sources, when said source operator is operated (remote 20, button 22); to switch, when displaying said video content, the display of said video content to the display of said map, when a map operator for instructing displaying of said map is operated (remote 20, button 27); and to switch, when displaying said map, the display of said map to the display of said video content, when said map operator is operated (remote 20, button 27, and Fig.6-9)
- a setting unit configured to set one of a plurality of sizes of a region for displaying said map or one of a plurality of sizes of a region for displaying

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said video content in a dual screen display, and to accept a size from said plurality of sizes of the region for displaying said video content for each of said sources (remote 22 and buttons 25 and 26), wherein the display is configured to form said dual screen display based on a setting corresponding to each source (remote 22 and buttons 25 and 26) and Fig.6-9

For a discussion of the figures please see: col. 6, lines 21-42 for Fig.1; col. 10, lines 20-51 for Fig.6; col. 10, line 52 through col. 11, line 4 for Fig.7; col. 11 lines 5-29 for Fig.8; and col. 11 lines 30-65 for Fig.9

7. However, Moteki'645 doesn't explicitly disclose the following:

- a first display bar is displayed on the display and includes information about said map and a second display bar is displayed on the display and includes information about said video content
- the first display bar and the second display bar are displayed at a lower edge and an upper edge of the display, respectively or the first display bar and the second display bar are displayed at the upper edge and the lower edge of the display, respectively

8. Nevertheless, Shneider'049 discloses a binding interactive multichannel digital document system and teaches the following:

- a first display bar is displayed on the display and includes information about said map (Paragraph 0067) and a second display bar is displayed on the display and includes information about said video content (Paragraph 0062)

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- the first display bar and the second display bar are displayed at a lower edge and an upper edge of the display, respectively or the first display bar and the second display bar are displayed at the upper edge and the lower edge of the display, respectively (Paragraph 0042 “placement of the content channels and supplementary channels may vary according to the desire of the author of the interface”)

9. Thus, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the Moteki’645 reference with the supplementary channels that could be placed anywhere on the display, as taught by Shneider’049, in order to display information regarding the selected channel (Shneider’049, Paragraph 0062).

All the claimed elements were known in the prior art and one skilled in the art could have combined the elements as claimed by known methods with no change in their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

10. In re claim 2, Moteki’645 teaches the following:

- the display of said map, the display of said video content and said dual screen display in which the display of said map and the display of said video content are arranged and sequentially and cyclically switched by an operation of a display switching operator (col. 6, lines 21-42 for Fig.1; col. 10, lines 20-51 for Fig.6; col. 10, line 52 through col. 11, line 4 for Fig.7; col. 11 lines 5-29 for Fig.8; and col. 11 lines 30-65 for Fig.9)

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11. In re claim 5, Moteki'645 teaches the following:

- a recording unit configured to record, whether or not an immediately preceding display was said dual screen display, the immediately preceding display for each of said sources (Col.8, Lines 31-50)

12. In re claim 12, the combination of Moteki'645 in view of Shneider'049 discloses the claimed invention as discussed above in claims 1 and 2.

13. In re claim 15, Shneider'049 discloses the following:

- the second display bar corresponds to a touch screen, that when touched, generates at least one control command to control the video content (Paragraph 0062, 0077, and 0102)

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAMI KHATIB whose telephone number is (571)270-1165. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday/8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on (571) 272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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